लगते हैं और एक लघु शाखा खोलने में लगभग 5 से 10 लाख रुपए की लागत आती है।

(ग) और (घ) सुपर बाजार सार्वजनिक निवेश बोर्ड के तहत नहीं आता है और इसलिए बोर्ड की अनुमति आवश्यक नहीं है।

सुपर बाजार एक स्वायत्तशासी सहकारी सोसाइटी है और इसका प्रबंधन क्षेत्रीय वितरण केन्द्र तथा लघु शाखाओं को खोलने के लिए परियोजना लागत मंजूर करता है।

(ङ) केन्द्रीय सरकार सुपर बाजार के कार्यकरण की समय-समय पर समीक्षा करती है।

Borrowing by Super Bazar

1516. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the short and long term borrowings of the Super Bazar under plan and non-plan heads, institution-wise during each of the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Super Bazar had to borrow to meet the current expenditure;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what specific steps/measures are being taken to improve the finances and the working of Super Bazar?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Details of the loans provided by the Central Government to Super Bazar under the existing Plan Scheme during the last three years has been as follows:—

(Rs./Lakhs)

Year	Govt. loan
1992-93	16.00
1993-94	8.00
1994-95	8.00

In addition, Super Bazar has reported that it has been availing overdraft/cash credit limit to the extent of Rs. 100 lakhs from Syndicate Bank and Rs. 59.50 lakhs from Bombay Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd. during the last three years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that they are taking the following steps to improve their financial position and profitability:

(i) Increasing the sales;

(ii) Controlling the expenditure;

(iii) Timely recovery of credit sales;

(iv) Improving inventory management; and

(v) Controlling stock shortages.

Super Bazar has reported that sales and profit have considerably improved during 1993-94 compared to 1992-93.

Complaints received by BIS regarding quality of products

1517. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by Bureau of Indian Standards with regard to the quality of products during 1995 so far;

(b) the details of the products against which complaints were received;

(c) the action taken by Government thereon;

(d) whether inspite of having taken corrective action there has not been much improvement in the quality control by BIS; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken for meaningful action over the quality to safeguard the interests of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) During 1995 (from 1.1.95 to 31.7.95), 76 complaints were received by the Bureau of Indian Standards regarding the quality of BIS certified products.

(b) The complaints mainly related to the quality of BIS certified products like cement, mild steel tubes, pvc pipes, RCC pipes, electric iron, GLS lamps, batteries, biscuits, shaving blades and mattresses etc.

(c) Under the BIS Certification Marks Scheme, complaints which are found to be genuine are redressed either by way of replacement or repairs depending upon the product involved.

(d) and (e) Under the BIS Certification Mark Scheme, BIS ensures strict quality control, checks effective monitoring of the performance by the BIS licensees and whenever considered necessary, either suspends or cancels the licence. As a result, declining trend in the receipt of complaints has been observed for the corresponding periods in the last two years.

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair

Statement by Minister Correcting answer to Unstarred Question 379 answered on 2nd August, 1995 regarding Denudation of forests in Eastern States

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): Madam, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1995 to Unstarred Question 379 regarding Denudation of forest in Eastern States. [Placed in Library. *See* LTno. 8003/95]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

(I) Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport.

(II) Agreement regarding maintenance and development of urban links of National Highways.

(III) Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Transporting)

(IV) Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Control Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd. Calcutta and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport, under sub-section (3) of section 458 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 240, dated the 13th May, 1995, publishing the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement of Ships) Amendment Rules, 1995.

(2) G.S.R. No. 253, dated the 20th May, 1995, publishing the Merchant Shipping (Distress and Safety Radio Communication) Rules, 1995 [Placed in Library *See* LTno. 8014/95]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Second Supplementary Agreement entered into between the President of India and the Governor of West Bengal to partially amend the Principal Agreement dated the 9th January, 1987 and First Supplementary Agreement dated the 8th June, 1988 also between the President of India and the Governor of West Bengal under section 8 of the National Highways Act, 1956 regarding maintenance and development of Urban Links of National Highways, under section 10 of the said Act.
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III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport